



An *ENCOMIASTICK* EPIGRAM
Upon the most *ANTIEN*T and *HONOURABLE* TRADE
OF
MASONS.

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* *Antiquity and
Noble Precedents.*

* *Josephus de
Antiq. Jud.
Jude Epist.*

* *Exod. 32.*

*Honourable and
mysterious Badge.*

* *A Metaphore
taken from a part
of the Coat of
Arms.*

* *Noble and Stately
Works.*

‡ *Laws and Order.*

‡ *The Sum of all.*

Among *Mechanicks*, **MASONS** I extoll,
And with the best I doubt not to Enroll.
Before the *Flood** *Antiquity* they Claime,
The **MASON** then must have an antient Name.
When Godly* *Enoch* by his *Divine Art*,
He did foretell how that the **W**orld should smart
By Fire and Water, he two Pillars made,
The one with *Brick*, and one with *Stone* was laid :
He wrote thereon all *Sciences* and *Arts*,
Some knowledge to Diffule in all Mens hearts.
If Water came, the *Stone* might it endure ;
The *Brick* the Fire; so all continued sure.
The* *Moral-Law*, in writ none could it have,
Till **GOD** Himself in *Stone* he must it Grave.
For *Hewing Stone*, none can put you to shame,
The *Corner-Stone*, to *JESUS* is a Name :
For this I think the **MASON** must be Blest,
From antient times he hath a *Divine** *Crest*.
A *Chara*cter whereby they know each other,
And yet so *Secret*, none knows but a Brother.
All *Temples*, *Turrets*,* *Pallaces* of *Kings*,
All *Castles*, *Steeple*s, and such other things :
Strong Holds and Houses, which do long endure,
Do owe all what they have to **MASONS CURE**.
All Courts great *Grandeur*, and *Magnifick State*,
What *Pomp* they have, from **MASONS** they do get ;
The strictest *Laws* they have for ‡ *Common-well*,
The greatest *Charity* when *BRETHREN* fail.
Symbols *Divine*, ‡ *Pomp*, *Dwelling*, *Law* and *Love* ;
Few are the *Men*.who do such *Tradsmen* prove.